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### A NEW LITSEA (LAURACEAE) FROM MALESIA

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#### ABSTRACT

Litsea hirsutior Kosterm, is newly described from the Malay Peninsula and is compared to L. hirsutissima.

#### ABSTRAK

Jenis baru *Litsea hirsutior* Kosterm, dipertelakan dari Semenanjung Malaya dan dibandingkan dengan *L. hirsutissima*.

## Litsea hirsutior Kosterm. sp. nov. — Fig. 1.

Arbor parva ramulis crassis cylindricis dense ferrugineo hirsutis, foliis alternantibus chartaceis ellipticia magnis acutis basi breve acutis, supra glabra nitida subbullata nervo mediano et costis tenuibus subimpressis subtus dense hirsutis nervo mediano crassis costis subpatentibus tenuibus venis tertiaris subparallelis, petiolis crassis dense hirsutis, umbellis axillaribus solitariis pedunculis brevis bracteis bene evolutis, fructus ellipsoideis-subovoideis, cupulis subcoriaceis planis margine ubdulatis in pedicellis crassis conicis transeuntibus.

Typus: C. Stone & Mahmud Sidek 12546 (University of Malaya 23227).

Tree, 5 m tall. Twigs thick, juicy, cylindrical, in sicco densely, ferrugineously hirsute with long glistening thin hairs. Leaves spirally arranged chartaceous, rather juicy, elliptic,  $7-15\times15-32$  cm, shortly acutish both ends; above glabrous (except midrib), sub-bullate, the thin midrib and thin lateral nerves impressed; lower surface densely rusty hirsute, midrib stout, prominent, lateral nerves 12—18 pairs, the lower ones patent. the apical ones erect-patent, running out at the leaf margin, connected by very thin, parallel tertiary veins, almost perpendicular to the lateral nerves. Petiole very stout, densely rusty hirsute, 2—2.5 cm. Inflorescences axillary, much reduced, consisting of a single umbel on a 3—4 mm long peduncle; umbel bracts elliptic, concave, 5 mm long. Fruit ellipsoid-ovoid, acutish, 6  $\times$  10 mm (sub-mature), green, speckled; cupule fleshy, not very deep, 5—6 mm in diam., 1.5 mm high, margin wavy, base merging gradually into the fleshy, obconical, 5 mm long pedicel; inside of cup hirsute.

DISTRIBUTION: Only known from the type locality.

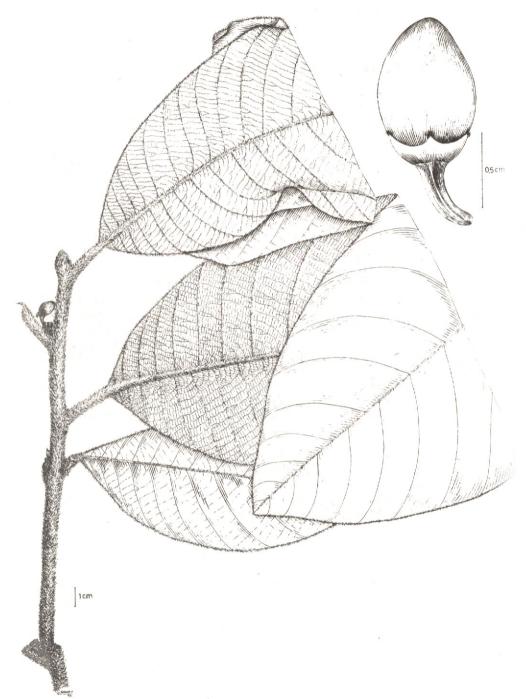


Figure 1. Litsea hirsution Kosterm.

Related to L. hirsutissima, but differing in leaf shape, size and venation.

MALAY PENINSULA: Kelantan, Sungei Lebir, eastern bank opposite Jentah, lowland dipterocarp forest, alt. 70 m, fr. 28 April, B. Stone & M. Sidek 12546 (Kelantan Bateq ethnobotany expedition Endicott-Stone) (A, BISH, BO, K, KEP, L, LAE, P, PNH, SAN, SAR, TI, TNS, UC, US).

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